

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
MONROE DIVISION**

STATE OF LOUISIANA, STATE OF  
MISSOURI, *et al.*

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., in his official  
capacity as President of the United States, *et*  
*al.*,

*Defendants.*

Case No. 3:22-cv-01213-TAD-KDM

**PLAINTIFFS' CONSENT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO EXCEED PAGE LIMIT  
FOR REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Pursuant to the Local Rules of this Court, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court's leave to file a 117-page Reply Brief in support of their Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. Counsel for Defendants have consented to this request. In support, Plaintiffs state as follows:

In this Court's Order (Doc. 223) addressing, among other things, the length of Plaintiffs' Proposed Findings of Fact (Doc. 214-1) and Defendants' alternative request for an extension of time to respond, this Court noted it "anticipated lengthy briefs would be provided by both parties" regarding the preliminary injunction motion. Doc. 223, at 2. Plaintiffs' Reply Brief analyzes the evidence and complex legal questions involving extensive discovery, numerous defendants, and significant allegations. The Reply Brief, moreover, is in response to the 275-page response brief Defendants filed in response to Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. *See* Docs. 266, 266-8. An overlength brief is warranted to provide the Court with a thorough and comprehensive discussion of these issues.

Therefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request leave to file a 117-page Reply Brief, which is attached to this Motion.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on May 20, 2023, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be filed by the Court's electronic filing system, to be served by operation of the Court's electronic filing system on counsel for all parties who have entered in the case.

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